account of having qualified manpower. Certain critical areas that have been defined under the service sector are Health Services, Tourism and Entertainment Industry.

Free Trade in BIMST-EC

4508. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the progress made with regard to the proposed free trade in BIMST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand-Economic Co-operation); and

(b) the outcome of the 4th meeting of the BIMST-EC Ministerial meeting held in the first week of March, 2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) At the Third BIMST-EC (Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand- Economic Co-operation) Trade/Economic Ministers' Meeting held on 15th February, 2001 in Yangon, Myanmar, the Ministers stressed the importance of a time-bound work programme for establishing Free Trade Area and agreed to set up a Group of Experts (GoE) to study in greater detail the pros and cons of the two approaches namely, the positive list approach and the negative list approach towards a Free Trade arrangement in BIMST-EC. The first meeting of the GoE was held on 17-18 January, 2002 and the second meeting on 24-25 June, 2002 in New Delhi. In the second meeting of the GoE, all the member countries agreed that the negative list approach is preferable while moving towards a free trade area in the BIMST-EC region.

(b) During the Fourth BIMST-EC Trade/Economic Ministers meeting held in Colombo on 7th March, 2003, it has been decided that a Group of Experts chaired by Sri Lanka be set up to draft a Framework Agreement for a Free Trade Area in the BIMST-EC region bearing in mind that the first BIMST-EC Summit is to be held in Thailand in 2004.

Export of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines

4509. PROF. M.M AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the value of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic, Unani etc. medicines exported during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) the details of the value of such medicines proposed to be exported during the Tenth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI) : (a) Value of exports of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines during the Ninth Five Year Plan :-

(Rs. Crores)

Item Description	Item code	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001	2001-2002	Total in 9th plan
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale	30039001	42.24	34.76	36.23	95.54	92.26	302.03
Homoeopathic Medicines for therapeutic prophylactic uses not put up for retail sale	30039002	3.10	0.37	0.67	2.19	2.04	8.37
Ayurvedic & Unani Medicines put up for retail sale	30049001	118.77	98.85	108.80	124.97	147.53	598.92
Homoeopathtic Medicines put up for retail sale	30049002	0.79	1.33	3.19	8.97	3.74	18.02

Source: DGCIS

(a) The Department of ISM&H have constituted a Task Force to suggest measures to promote export of Homoeopathy, Ayurvedic and Unani Medicines. However, no detailed proposals of exports for the Tenth Five Year Plan have been worked out.

Knowledge of child care

4510. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether mal-nutrition is most common among children due to delayed complementary feeding; and